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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-11, 13-17, and 19 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Baker (U.S. Patent 4,578,674).

As to claim 1, Baker discloses an optical-signal receiver (220), comprising:

an optical sensor (224) operable to receive an optical signal from an optical-signal emitter (250), (col. 5, lines 6-8) communicatively coupled to an electronic system (col. 4, lines 49-52); and

a processor (300) operable to implement a performance characteristic value specified by the optical signal (col. 6, lines 30-34).

As to claims 3 and 17, Baker discloses a system (Fig. 2), comprising:

an optical-signal generator (250);

an optical-signal emitter (250) coupled to the generator (connected through cable 216);

and an optical-signal receiver (220) having a performance characteristic set to a first value (initial X and Y position), the receiver receiving from the emitter an optical

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signal (IR signal 252, Fig. 3) operable to set the performance characteristic to a second value (second value = second position of the mouse, col. 7, lines 47-52).

As to claim 19, Baker discloses a method implemented by a receiver (220) having a performance characteristic set to a first value (initial position of X and Y), comprising:

communicating a state signal (ultrasonic signal) identifying a state (position) of the receiver to an electronic system (250), (col. 4, lines 49-51);

receiving an optical signal (252) from an emitter (250) communicatively coupled to the electronic system (col. 4, lines 49-52),

the optical signal (252) operable to set the performance characteristic to a second value (When the initial position of the mouse is determined, microprocessor clears the counter 816 and reads another interval measurement by sending another I.R. signal), (col. 5, lines 15-17; and col. 6, lines 5-12 and lines 38-41).

As to claim 2, Baker teaches a receiver (220) further comprising a transmitter (230) operable to communicate a state signal (ultrasonic signals) identifying a state of the receiver (movement of the mouse) to the electronic system (col. 5, lines 15-17; and col. 6, lines 5-12 and lines 38-41).

As to claim 4, Baker teaches the generator (250) comprises a computer system (300, Fig. 6).

As to claim 5, Baker teaches the emitter (210) comprises a video-display monitor (Fig. 2, col. 5, lines 62-63).

As to claim 6, Baker teaches the receiver (220) is operable to generate a state signal (generates an ultrasonic signal) identifying a state of the receiver (movement of the mouse in x and Y directions), (col. 5, lines 15-17; and col. 6, lines 5-12 and lines 38-41).

As to claim 7, Baker teaches the receiver is further operable to communicate (communicates through 230) the state signal to the generator (250), (col. 5, lines 15-17).

As to claim 8, Baker teaches the emitter (210) comprises a state-signal receiver (254 and 256) operable to receive the state signal (ultrasonic signal from 230 are received at 254 and 256) from the optical-signal receiver (220) and provide the state signal (position of the mouse) to the generator (250), (col. 6, lines 5-12; and lines 38-41).

As to claim 9, Baker teaches the receiver (220) comprises a wireless optical mouse (col. 4, lines 49-50).

As to claim 10, Baker teaches a performance associated with the characteristic (movement of the cursor, col. 6, lines 38-41) is displayable by the generator (col. 5, lines 57-62).

As to claim 11, Baker teaches the performance characteristic (position detection) comprises a frame rate (frame rate = 40KHz, col. 5, lines 12-14).

As to claim 13, Baker teaches the state (movement of mouse) comprises velocity relative to a surface (214), (col. 6, lines 64-67).

As to claim 14, Baker teaches the state signal (ultrasonic signal) comprises:

a characteristic having first and second values (first value = initial position),
(second value = second position of the mouse); and

the first and second state-signal characteristic values (values calculated by the ultrasonic signals, col. 7, lines 8-11) respectively correspond to the first and second performance-characteristic values (depending on the position of the mouse in X and Y direction the ultrasonic signal determines the location of the mouse, col. 7, lines 12-15 and lines 47-52).

As to claim 15, Baker teaches the optical signal (252) specifies the second value (When the initial position of the mouse is determined, microprocessor clears the counter 816 and reads another interval measurement by sending another I.R. signal), (col. 5, lines 15-17; and col. 6, lines 5-12 and lines 38-41).

As to claim 16, Baker teaches the state signal (ultrasonic signal from 230) specifies the second value (When the initial position of the mouse is determined, microprocessor clears the counter 816 and reads another interval measurement by

sending another I.R. signal and reading a second ultrasonic signal), (col. 5, lines 15-17; and col. 6, lines 5-12 and lines 38-41).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker (U.S. Patent 4,578,674) in view of Wenstrand (U.S. Patent 7,199,783).

As to claim 12, Note the discussion of Baker Above. Baker teaches the performance characteristic. Baker does not teach an inactivity-period threshold. Wenstrand teaches an inactivity-period threshold (col. 4, lines 18-21). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have added the inactivity-period of Wenstrand to the optical mouse of Baker because during the inactivity-period/ sleep mode less power is consumed because the deactivated portion of the mouse are drawing relatively less energy compared to the energy drawn during the active mode (col. 4, lines 29-32)

5. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker (U.S. Patent 4,578,674) in view of Misek (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0140677).

As to claim 18, Baker teaches an optical-signal receiver (220), comprising:

generating an optical signal (252) to be received by the optical-signal receiver (220) from an optical-signal emitter (250), (col. 5, lines 6-8),

the receiver having a performance characteristic (position) set to a first value (initial position of X and Y),

the optical signal (252) operable to set the performance characteristic to a second value (When the initial position of the mouse is determined, microprocessor clears the counter 816 and reads another interval measurement by sending another I.R. signal), (col. 5, lines 15-17; and col. 6, lines 5-12 and lines 38-41); and

displaying the optical signal (col. 5, lines 58-63).

Baker does not mention programming an optical mouse, Misek teaches programming an optical-signal receiver ([0007], lines 2-5). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have added the programmable optical mouse of Misek to the optical-signal receiver of Baker because the programmable mouse would benefit that the user may customize features such as navigation parameters user interface operations and power swing. ([0004], lines 7-8).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Lyon (Patent No. 4,521,772) discloses a cursor control device.

Ayatsuka (Patent No. 7,228,108) discloses a connection body between computer body and wireless peripheral equipment (wireless mouse).

Inquiries


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pegeman Karimi whose telephone number is (571) 270-1712. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8:00am - 5:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chanh Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-7772. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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